



CHANEL COLLEGE

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"To act justly, to love tenderly and walk humbly with your God"
Micah 6:8

From the Principal

The last week has been a rather difficult week for our community with the passing of Mrs Katrianne Butterworth. It was a healing experience for me to go to Mass on Sunday to celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the original Pentecost Jews from all over who were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast. On that Sunday, ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection:

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak with diverse tongues, according as the Holy Spirit gave them to speak. Acts 2:2-4

Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day.

Pope Francis in his Pentecost Sunday homily described the Holy Spirit as "the interior Teacher, guiding us along the right path, throughout the situations of life. In the early days of the Church, Christianity was called 'the way,' and Jesus Himself, is the way. The Holy Spirit teaches us to follow Him, to walk in His footsteps. More than a teacher of doctrine, the Spirit is a teacher of life."

Every day we experience "life" and we should remember to call upon the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom to help us all to make good life choices.

God bless

S. m. Volp
Sharon Volp



Staffing Updates

Mr Tim Williams has resigned from Chanel and will finish tomorrow. I would like to thank him for all of his contributions to the College during his five and a half years with us. We wish him all the best for the future.

This week Mr David Shenton has joined us and will be taking on the role of Manual Arts Curriculum Coordinator position. He has been working with Mr Williams in class this week to have some transition time with Mr Williams' classes.

Year 7 to Secondary Update

In 2011 we introduced MacKillop House to the College in order to address the increasing student numbers in the College. In 2015 MacKillop will have a full cohort of Year 12 students who will be ready to embrace and mentor the Year 7 and 8 students. We believe that the development of student leadership skills is a really important life skill. Earlier this term all Year 8 students attended a Middle Years Student Leadership Camp at Kroombit Park. This is in preparation for the introduction of Year 9 Middle Year Student Leaders in 2015. More details regarding this process will unfold next term.

Exams

We have now reached the "busy" end of the term as far as assessment is concerned. Year 10, 11 and 12 students commence exams on Monday and Year 8 and 9 commence their exams on Wednesday. I wish students all the best with their exams.

P and F Meeting

A reminder that our next P and F meeting is on **Wednesday 18 June** from 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm.

Please come along!

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Good News

Kath Hore Mission & RE Support Officer

National Evangelisation Team (NET) – Billets Urgently Needed

The National Evangelisation Team will be in **Gladstone 18 - 21 August** this year and for two of the days they will be presenting to our Year 8 students. While in Gladstone, they will be requiring accommodation for **3 nights – 18, 19 & 20 August** - and we are looking for volunteers to billet these young people. The Team has both male and female members and in the past they have preferred to be billeted in twos or threes. If you are able to help, by providing food and accommodation for the NET members, please contact Mrs Hore at the College ASAP.

20 June – World Refugee Day and Refugee Week

2014 Theme “Restoring Hope.”

The theme reminds us that, while a refugee's journey begins with danger, it also begins with hope. Refugees flee their homelands not only because they fear persecution, but also because they have hope: they hope to find freedom from persecution, and safety and security for themselves and their families; they hope to be given a chance to start a new life and recover from past trauma.

The theme also calls attention to the role of countries which, through offering protection to refugees and providing them an opportunity to rebuild their lives, restore hope for a future free from fear, persecution, violence and insecurity.

Finally, the theme aims to highlight the situation of refugees whose hopes have not been fulfilled – those who remain in seriously protracted situations, facing ongoing discrimination, violence and uncertainty, with little hope for a resolution in the near future. The theme calls on us to consider how we can provide solutions for these refugees and restore their hopes for a brighter future.

Refugee Week is Australia's peak annual activity to inform the public about refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society.

This year Refugee Week will be celebrated from **Sunday 15 June to Saturday 21 June**, to coincide with World Refugee Day (June 20). How to be involved visit <http://www.refugeeweek.org.au/>

Stamps for the Sisters of Mary MacKillop in Peru

Please remember to save your used stamps and send them in to the College. The Sisters in Peru need our support to enable them to continue their work with disadvantaged and marginalised children. **Thank you to all who have donated so far.**

Second Hand Uniforms

The second hand uniform 'shop' is open each Wednesday during first break.

If you have uniforms your child no longer requires - all donations are gratefully accepted and many thanks to those who have already sent in donations.

Thursday Mass

NO MASS – EXAM WEEK

Please Pray for ...

- Generous donations for the Winter Appeal to help keep others in our community warm.
- Innocent victims in the Ukraine, Syria and other countries experiencing political unrest.
- All students as they prepare for and do their end of Semester One exams.
- People in our community who are unwell.

Praise and Thanks for...

- Civilians and defence personnel working to rebuild lives and to bring peace, unity and justice in many parts of the world.
- Support given to the College by parents and members of the wider community.
- People who come to our country as refugees and enrich our lives, and for their example of courage, strength and determination.

If you have any requests for either of the above prayers, please leave your request at the Office.

INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - No. 1 parenting educator



Teen Friendships

“Adolescents need friends, and parents need to encourage these relationships”



Having a supportive group of friends is important for an adolescent. Peer groups help teenagers learn to negotiate relationships and make the journey from childhood, where they are reliant on parents, to adulthood, where they need to stand on their own two feet.

Peers give young people a sense of belonging, and an increased sense of self-confidence. They also provide young people with testing grounds for attitudes and values outside their family at a time when young people are trying to define their identity. Most modern teenagers are incredibly supportive of each other; however they can be judgemental and the cause of heartache when conflict or alienation occurs.

Resisting peer pressure

Teenagers need to learn to deal with peer pressure. We all experience some degree of pressure to conform to the behaviours and norms of our social groups, yet this pressure is heightened in adolescence, when wanting to fit in and belong is paramount. Ostracism is unthinkable, which makes teenagers susceptible to being overly influenced by their peers, who don't always make wise choices.

Parents can **help** young people deal with peer pressure by being open and frank about the subject. Let them know that while much of the influence of their friends is positive, some of it is not in their best interests.

Help young people **resist** peer pressure by giving them strategies to say no, while saving face. For instance, saying 'No, not now' is a simple face-saving strategy that all young people can learn when they are pressured by peers to engage in behaviours that aren't in their best interests.

Young people who are heavily reliant on the approval of others are particularly susceptible to peer pressure. In adolescence, adult approval is often replaced by peer approval. Help young people become self-sufficient and not dependent on others for their self-esteem.

Where do parents fit in?

Get to know your children's friends and take an interest in their lives. Make them **welcome** in your home. Enquire about their well-being, their learning and their relationships without being too nosy. Provide space and privacy for your teenager and friends in your home. Set some house rules regarding what's acceptable in your house, but don't be too heavy-handed as you want your home to be a welcoming place for young people.

Keep some **food** available and encourage them to make their own snacks and clean up their own mess. Be firm about your views about acceptable videos, alcohol use and sexual activities at home.

Negative Influences

It is common for parents to disapprove of their young person's choice of friends, because of behaviour, poor reputation or the adverse influence they have on their teenager. Young people take criticism of their friends personally so you need to be careful how you handle these issues. If you have worries about your child's choice of friends, check that your concerns are real. Try to get to know the friends you're worried about. Discuss your concerns with your young person, but talk about the behaviours that worry you, rather than the character of their friends. **Discuss** the immediate and long-term consequences of their behaviours that may concern you. It also helps to promote diversity of friendships as kids do best when they belong to more than one friendship group.

It is important for parents to understand the value of peer groups for young people and also remember that peers can be positive influences.

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YEAR 11 PRINT MAKING & MIXED MEDIA

Focus: Lifes Memories & Remains



sporting news

Kylie Kickbusch
Sports Coordinator

Interhouse Athletics Carnival 26 & 27 June

It is only 2 weeks till our Interhouse Athletics carnival, which will be held on the College oval over two days; **Thursday 26 and Friday 27 June**. This carnival marks the last of the major Interhouse carnivals for the year, and the last time our 2014 Seniors will be part of our Interhouse Carnivals.

Students had the opportunity on **Wednesday 11 June** during morning Pastoral Care time to nominate themselves into the Age Champion events (100m Division A and B, 200m, 400m, 800m 1500m, High Jump, Javelin, Triple Jump and 4x100m). All other events (Shot Put, Discus, Long Jump, 100m participation and Novelty events) students are automatically nominated for. By participating in these Participation Events, students will earn House Points for House which will contribute to the Overall Champion House points. Students wishing to gain Age Champion points for these events will have this opportunity once the participation students have had their throws or jump.

The 3000m Event for U15 and Opens will be held during a lunch break in the week leading up to the Athletics Carnival. The top 2 students from each event (Top 4 for the 100m event to cover the 4x100m) will qualify for the Port Curtis Athletics trials which will be held at Chanel College oval on **Thursday 31 July and Friday 1 August**.

All the information and timetable of events for the day will be given to students via the morning notices in Pastoral Care time.

QISSN and Confraternity Carnivals

The QISSN Netball girls and Confraternity Rugby League boys have just over 2 weeks until they head to the Gold Coast in the first week of the school holidays to play in their respective Carnivals. They have been training hard and are very eager to play at the Carnival. Congratulations to all the players who were successful in making these teams. The teams are:

QISSN Netball Team

Nicola Richards, Hayley Good, Hannah Hooper, Courtney Hamilton, Isobelle Collocott (c), Yasmin Ramsay, Brooke Sweeney, Demi Lisle, Taylor Langdon, Lavina Turner.

Confraternity Rugby League Team

Justin Cridland, Trae Clark, Johnnton Oost, Jordan Holzberger, Harrison Madge, Terry Gibson, Jack Breadsell, Cooper Lems, Josh Hughes, Kieren Dennis, Kane Langdon, Daniel Pengelly, Riley Daly, Toby Guinea, Hugh Bradley Woods, Adam Romagnolo, Zac Good, Sam Wright, Riley Johnson, Dane Corson-Crook.



To celebrate World Environment Day on Thursday June 5 each house were invited to plant a tree as a symbol of our commitment to the environment here at Chanel.



Do you think this sounds like fun? For the spectators, maybe. For the contestants it was nail-bitingly, nerve-wrackingly stressful. With representatives from Pastoral Care groups in all five mighty Houses, from fresh Year 8s to experienced year 12s, they gathered at the home of Spelling: Lavalla

Court. Luck was with some students who were asked to spell names of popular cities and diseases; others left the arena after attempting to deal with atrocious words like chaise longue, sittella and glockenspiel. Ben Felix, widely considered as a possibility to win this year, fell with 'oboist' and his McAuley team mate, Mc1's Connor Rose, with his superb rendition of 'cyclical' was duly declared victorious in the 2014 Chanel Spelling Chalinj. Wel dun, Connor!

COMMUNITY ACTING WORKSHOP

A free acting workshop is being offered at the PCYC this Sunday from 9.00 am – 12 noon. This workshop is being offered in conjunction with the pre-production phase of the feature film "Broke", being filmed here in Gladstone. "Broke" follows the story of how a disgraced sports star and gambling addict, turns his life around with the support of his number one fan. More information on this production can be found at <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/broke-feature-film>. People aged from 10 years and beyond are invited to attend. To book a place please RSVP Katherine at Broke@Scopered.com

Mark it on your calendars!

The Pajama Game, our 2014 musical production is on **Friday 8 August** and **Saturday 9 August** at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre. Tickets will be on sale soon.

GISMA

Gladstone Independent Schools Music Association Workshop is on soon. If you're interested in this excellent opportunity to improve your instrumental music skills, please see Ms Chapman immediately for a form.

Exam week Music Ensembles

Rehearsals are going ahead: Choir Tuesday 7.30 am & Concert Band Monday 3.30 pm. Always wanted to sing? You're welcome to join the choir right now.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Volunteers would be greatly appreciated during the Athletics Carnival 26 & 27 June

STUDENT ACCESS CENTRE

Do you need help with
Assignments? Homework? Careers?

Available for you are:

Computers & Printers, Resources & Support Material, Friendly Faces.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT HELP

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8.00 am. Also First Break every day except Thursdays.

Contact Chanel College's Inclusive Curriculum Coordinator:

Mrs Robyn Jurd on 4973 4739

or Careers Officer: 4973 4738

Upcoming Events

Week 9

Mon 16 June

• EXAM WEEK

Tue 17 June

• EXAM WEEK

Wed 18 June

• EXAM WEEK

• P&F Meeting 5.30 pm

Thur 19 June

• EXAM WEEK

Fri 20 June

• EXAM WEEK

Week 10

Mon 23 June

• House Assemblies

Thur 26 June

• TRACK & FIELD CARNIVAL

Fri 27 June

• TRACK & FIELD CARNIVAL

• TERM 2 CONCLUDES

**TERM 3 COMMENCES
Mon 14 July**

SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 School Fees are overdue. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your account, please contact the Finance Office to make arrangements.

Please remember to only use the school account to pay school fees. Any other payments please make at the Chanel Office.

**Finance Office Manager
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